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SUBJ: THE MURRAY LOUIS DANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCES IN
POLAND

1. THE MURRAY LOUIS DANCE COMPANY PERFORMED BEFORE AN
ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE OF 1,000 PEOPLE LAST NIGHT (MAY 30)
IN LODZ'S TEATR WIELKI FOR THE LODZ BALLET FESTIVAL.
THE COMPANY WILL PERFORM AGAIN IN LODZ TONIGHT, IN
POZNAN JUNE 2 AND JUNE 3 AT THE POZNAN OPERA AND IN
WARSAW JUNE 5 AT THE TEATR WIELUK.

WJM THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE OPENING EVENING WAS MURRAY
LOUIS'S SOLO "DEJA VU," A WORK WHICH MR. LOUIS HAD
PREMIERED TO RAVE REVIEWS IN 1977. THE NEW YORK TIMES
CALLED "DEJA VU" "SPARKLING AND BRIGHT.... HIGHLY IN-
VENTIVE." THE AUDIENCE IN LODZ AGREED, CALLING FOR AN
ENCORE. ALSO LAST NIGHT, THE COMPANY DANCED "SCHUBERT,"
CHOREOGRAPHED BY MURRAY LOUIS IN 1977 TO FRANZ SCHUBERT'S
"QUINTET IN A MAJOR," AND "GEOMETRICS," CHOREOGRAPHED BY
MR. LOUIS IN 1974 TO MUSIC BY ALWIN NICHOLAIS. DANCING
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IN BOTH OF THESE WORKS WERE MICHAEL BALLARD, ANNE
MCLEOD, ROBERT SMALL, JANIS BRENNER, WILLIAM HOLAHAN,
DIANNE MARKHAM, JERRY PEARSON, AND SARA PEARSON. AT THIS
EVENING'S PERFORMANCE, THE COMPANY WILL DANCE AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT PROGRAM: "PORCELAIN DIALOGUES" (1974), "GLANCES"
(1976), AND "INDEX (TO NECESSARY NEUROSES)" (1973).

3. MURRAY LOUIS'S INTERNATIONAL TOURS HAVE EARNED HIM ACCOLADES WHICH RANK HIM AMONG THE GREAT DANCERS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS OF OUR TIME. HIS ART HAS TAKEN HIM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, TO EUROPE, AFRICA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN. SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE INCLUDED PERFORMANCES IN TUNISIA, YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, MEXICO, AND NOW POLAND. RECIPIENT OF TWO GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS IN DANCE, MR. LOUIS HAS ALSO BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE CRITICS' AWARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF WIESBADEN, AND RECENTLY, THE 1977 DANCE MAGAZINE AWARD. HE HAS BEEN HONORED WITH SIX GRANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS. AMONG THE WORKS PERFORMED AT LODZ, INDEX, PORCELAIN DIALOGUES, AND GEOMETRICS WERE CHOREOGRAPHED WITH THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT AWARDS.

4. AFTER THEIR FINAL PERFORMANCE IN WARSAW ON JUNE 5, THE MURRAY LOUIS DANCE COMPANY WILL VISIT THE POLISH STATE BALLET SCHOOL (PANSTWOWA SZKOLA BALETOWA PRZY TEATRZE WIELKIM W WARSZAWIE) FOR A WEEK TO OBSERVE CLASSES, OFFER INSTRUCTIONS, DEMONSTRATE TECHNIQUES, AND CONSULT WITH POLISH BALLET INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS.

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